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SUBJ: 63RD ECOSOC - ITEM 11: LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

REF: A. GENEVA 6338, B. STATE 177881

1. ON AUGUST 3 ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ADOPTED REVISED DRAFT AFGHAN RESOLUTION L.603 ON "SPECIAL MEASURES RELATING TO THE LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES," WHICH UGANDA JOINED AFGHANISTAN IN COSPONSORING. THIS VERSION CONTAINS A NUMBER OF RELATIVELY MINOR REVISIONS FROM THE EARLIER VERSION TRANSMITTED IN REF A, NONE AFFECTING OUR POSITION. REVISED TEXT QUOTED BELOW.

2. KENYA CALLED FOR A VOTE ON OPERATIVE PARA 1 WHICH REAFFIRMS THE "RIGHT OF THE LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES TO FREE ACCESS TO AND FROM THE SEA AS WELL AS THEIR RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF TRANSIT." THE PARA WAS RETAINED BY A VOTE OF 16(US)-3-22. NEGATIVE VOTES WERE KENYA, PAKISTAN AND IRAN. ABSTENTIONS INCLUDED MOST WEOS (WHO DID SO IN THE INTEREST OF KEEPING OUT OF THE SPLIT BETWEEN THE LAND-LOCKED AND THE CORRIDOR LDCS RATHER THAN BECAUSE OF ANY REAL SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEM) AND A SCATTERING OF OTHER COUNTRIES

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FROM OTHER GROUPS.

3. RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE WAS THEN ADOPTED 24-0-16 (US). ABSTENTIONS INCLUDED 11 WEOS (I.E., ALL BUT AUSTRIA, GREECE AND PORTUGAL), PLUS KENYA, PAKISTAN, IRAN, BANGLADESH AND PHILIPPINES.

4. THERE FOLLOWED A LONG PARADE OF EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE, INCLUDING THE U.S., WHOSE EXPLANATION WAS ALONG THE LINES PROVIDED IN DEPTTEL 177881 WITH THE ADDITION OF REMARKS TO THE EFFECT THAT WE AGREED WITH MOST OF THE RESOLUTION'S PROVISIONS, THAT SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE LAND-LOCKED SHOULD BE DEALT WITH THROUGH EXISTING INSTITUTIONS (RATHER THAN A SPECIAL FUND) BUT THAT WE HAD NO OBJECTION IF OTHERS WISHED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUND. OTHER WEOS WHO EXPLAINED THEIR ABSTENTIONS (E.G. EC-9, JAPAN, CANADA) ALSO FOCUSED ON THE SPECIAL FUND (PARA 4) WHILE AUSTRIA EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR THE LAND-LOCKED. OTHER EXPLANATIONS (LDCS AND CHINA) FOCUSED ON FREE ACCESS AND TRANSIT (PARA 1), SOME PRO AND MOST CON, WITH MOST OF THE LATTER SAYING THIS IS A BILATERAL MATTER.

5. AFGHAN DELEGATION THANKED US AFTERWARD FOR OUR "YES" VOTE ON PARA 1 AND FOR OUR EXPLANATION.

6. TEXT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

REAFFIRMING THE DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING SPECIAL MEASURES RELATED TO THE NEEDS OF THE LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT IN ITS RESOLUTIONS 63 (III) OF 19 MAY 1972 AND 98 (IV) OF 31 MAY 1976,
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RECALLING THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD'S RESOLUTION 109 (XIV) OF 12 SEPTEMBER 1974 IN WHICH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD WAS REQUESTED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE AND POSITIVE ACTION ON THE RELEVANT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE FOR LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

RECALLING FURTHER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/157 OF 21 DECEMBER 1976 WHICH REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD, THE LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS OF IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGH THE URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS 63 (III) AND 98 (IV) OF UNCTAD,

NOTING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/177 OF 21 DECEMBER 1976 BY WHICH THE ASSEMBLY APPROVED THE STATUTE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL FUND FOR LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND REQUESTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONVENE A PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR THE FUND,

RECALLING THE PROVISIONS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/157 AND OTHER RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF THE LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES TO FREE ACCESS TO AND FROM THE SEA AS WELL AS THEIR RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF TRANSIT,

BEING AWARE OF THE SLOW PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
SPECIFIC MEASURE RELATED TO THE NEEDS OF THE LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES,

1. REAFFIRMS THE RIGHT OF FREE ACCESS TO AND FROM THE
SEA OF THE DEVELOPING LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES AS WELL AS THEIR
RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF TRANSIT;

2. URGES THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS WELL AS ALL INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO ADOPT SPECIAL
MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF THE LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS
CALLED FOR IN UNCTAD RESOLUTIONS 63 (III) AND 98 (IV);

3. CALLS UPON MEMBER STATES AND THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY TO GIVE ATTENTION TO THE TRADE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING TRANSIT FACILITIES,
IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY DERIVE EQUITABLE BENEFITS FROM INTER-
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NATIONAL MEASURES ON BEHALF OF ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

4. URGES THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO MAKE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION
TO THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL FUND FOR LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO MAKE IT OPERATIONAL;

5. INVITES THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVE-
LOPMENT PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE AND INCREASED RESOURCES
TO MEET THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS OF THE LAND-LOCKED DEVE-
LOPING COUNTRIES;

6. REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD, MEMBER STATES, THE SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES, THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND OTHER UNITED NATIONS
BODIES, TO SUBMIT THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL A
PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNCTAD RESOLUTIONS
63 (III) AND 98(IV) AND OTHER RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS
TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION.
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